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I. NEWS OF THE BANCROFT LIBRARY

J. R. K. Kantor, the University Archivist of the University of California, Berkeley, has informed Tim Thoresen that the Bancroft Library has recently received 16 additional boxes of materials relating to the history of the Berkeley anthropology department. The new accession consists of six cartons of miscellaneous correspondence (1945-1956), two cartons of correspondence with the University administration, one half carton of material relating to Robert Lowie, and one carton of files labelled Museum Accounts-Historical (1915-1939). The Assistant Archivist, Ms. Marie Thornton, has been in charge of interfiling the new material with the existing collection of departmental correspondence covering the period 1900-1956. (Cf. Thoresen, HAN I:1)

II. NEWS OF THE REGENSTEIN LIBRARY: FREDERICK STARR PAPERS

The papers of Frederick Starr (1858-1933), who taught anthropology at the University from the time of its opening until his retirement in 1923, are now available in the Special Collections department of the Regenstein Library, University of Chicago. Consisting of 48 boxes and 23 scrapbooks, they contain materials relating to all phases of Starr's career and all aspects of his activity. There are two boxes of family correspondence (1895-1932) and four boxes of general correspondence (1868-1932), which include letters from Franz Boas, Frank Hamilton Cushing, W. E. B. Dubois, Alice Fletcher, E. S. Hartland, Otis Mason, W. J. McGee, and many others. Three boxes of diaries offer brief notations of Starr's daily activities from 1878 to 1923. There are 18 boxes of field notes and diaries covering all phases of his travels and fieldwork in Africa (Congo: 1905-06; Liberia: 1912), Japan (1904, 1909-10, 1917, 1923, 1932, 1933), Korea (1911, 1913, 1915-16), the Philippines (1908), Mexico (14 trips between 1894 and 1928) and Central America (1916). In addition to eight boxes of index cards and seven boxes of photographs relating to his researches, there are also notes for Starr's lectures in all phases of anthropology. In October, 1976, a Guide to the Frederick Starr Papers (29 pp.) was prepared by John M. Cash. Additional materials relating to Starr's position at the University are contained in the Presidential Papers and the William Rainey Harper Papers. (For other materials relating to anthropology at Chicago, cf. Leslie, HAN II:2)